

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with saddened hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge the death of the Honorable Richard G. Byrd, State Representative from the 94th District, on Saturday, May 14, 2005, at the age of forty-six; and

Whereas, a commercial litigation specialist with Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus, Richard Byrd resided in Kirkwood with his beloved wife, Moira Byrd, and his two loving children, Richard C. Byrd and Eleanor Catherine Byrd; and

Whereas, in addition to the practice of law, Richard Byrd was a proactive member of the greater Kirkwood community through his service on the Kirkwood City Council from 1994 to 1998, appointment to the Saint Louis County Charter Commission, and leadership on the boards of directors of the Missouri Easter Seals and Saint Louis Easter Seals; and

Whereas, Richard Byrd was an assistant district commissioner for the Saint Louis Area Boy Scouts and a boys soccer coach at Sainte Genevieve DuBois Catholic Church; and

Whereas, Richard Byrd rounded out his civic involvement through membership with the Kirkwood Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Richard Byrd enjoyed election to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002, after which time he developed and maintained an exemplary reputation in light of his extensive legal knowledge and desire to be a highly positive influence on the proceedings of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, Richard Byrd was admirably prepared for all of his activities in life through his diligent studies at Decatur High School in Decatur, Alabama, from where he graduated in 1976; Rhodes College, from where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international trade in 1980; and Washington University, from where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1983;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Representative Richard Byrd and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable light and warmth in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Richard G. Byrd of Kirkwood, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker